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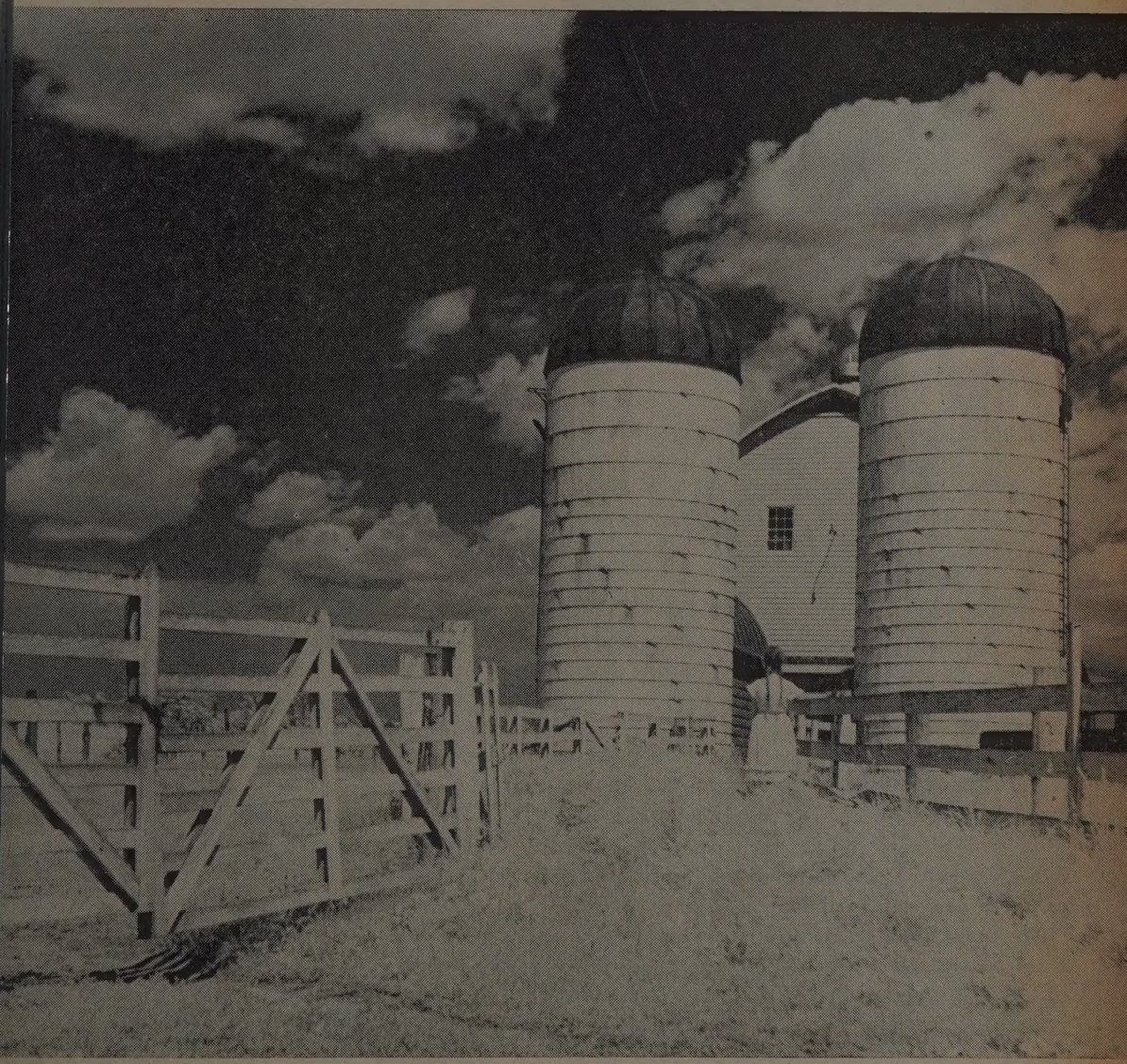

Out of the north comes golden splendor

Job 37:21

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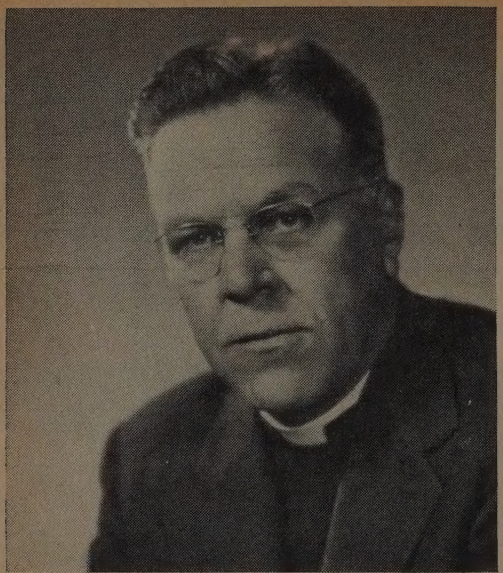

(The Rev.) Myron C. Austinson

President of the Eastern District

At a special meeting of the Eastern District of The Evangelical Lutheran Church held Friday, June 22 (during the General Convention), the Rev. Myron C. Austinson, Janesville, Wis., was elected president for a term of six years. He will succeed the Rev. F. I. Schmidt, who died Jan. 6, 1956.

President-elect Austinson was born Feb. 22, 1905, at Dennison, Minn. He received his college training at St. Olaf College and was granted the B.A. degree in 1928. Entering Luther Theological Seminary the following fall, he was graduated in 1931 and ordained to the holy ministry the same year. His first pastorate was at Chinook, Mont., where he served until 1935. From 1935 to 1942 he was pastor of Grace Church, Chicago. Since 1942 he has been pastor of First Lutheran Church, Janesville. First Church has recently erected a new church edifice.

Deeply interested in Home Missions since he entered the ministry, Pastor Austinson has served on the Board of Home Missions since 1950 and was, at the time of his election to the presidency of the district, chairman of the Board. He was elected vice president of Eastern District in 1954. Upon the death of Presid Schmidt, Pastor Austinson became acting presiden

The Eastern District is the largest of the ten comp ing The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Territoria it includes Wisconsin and Illinois and all ELC con gations east of Chicago. Its baptized members at close of 1955 was 234,142; confirmed members 160,631. It includes 466 congregations, served by pastors.

The possibility of dividing the Eastern District been discussed repeatedly. At the special regional m ings of the district which were held in connection w discussion of the union documents in April (at M waukee, Eau Claire, and Brooklyn), great interest such a move was expressed. In view of the impendi union, however, the district decided not to petition Church for a partition. Instead, it was decided to sec a full-time administrative assistant to the district pr dent.

Pastor Austinson will assume the office of the pr dency as soon as he can be released from his pastor in Janesville. In the meanwhile, he will continue serve in a double capacity, as he has done since Pr dent Schmidt's death.

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orward March—Advance

Dr. S. C. Eastvold
Vice President, ELC

And the Lord spake unto me, saying,
Ye have compassed this mountain long enough;
Turn you northward.

Deut. 2:2-3

well to remember our past dwellings.

s the people of Israel looked into the past there e plainly visible many memorable milestones. God's ence was conspicuous. Their experiences had taught n that God was no theory. There was the burning h which was never consumed, the wells of Elim, and pools in the dry valley of Baca, the camp in the rt, the water that came forth from the rock, while l had blessed their cattle and kept them well fed. s we look at ourselves in the light of this application most wonderful thing about any one of us is that d has converted our stubborn wills. Think of the azing answers to prayers, the secrets in the minds of ristian people that are unlawful to tell!

s we think of our beloved Evangelical Lutheran urch we notice that God has blessed the preaching of s Word. In 1843, there were two pastors, one con-gation, with no schools and no missions. In 1956 re are approximately sixteen hundred pastors in our nisterium, with approximately three thousand con-gations and more than one million souls! We have ninaries, colleges, and missionaries at home and road among Jew and Gentile, with institutions of arity, and with the printed Word in books and riodicals and magazines reaching with influence ound the world!

We cannot live on past achievements. It will do well r us to cast a glance at Lot's wife and remember her ho turned back and became a pillar of salt. The people Israel received no manna from the clouds and no ater from the rock as long as they had a batch of ough left from Egypt or a single cake that was baked om the land from which they were come.

There have been memorable milestones, things have seemed difficult, and we have had great achievements, but we must still expect changes.

We must expect changes in home as individuals, in the Church, and in the State.

We are changing men in a changing world, and we are dying men in a dying world. He who is unwilling to make changes is out of gear with the entire creation. Behold the rivers that are locked in ice and surrender to the warm sun and flow down to the ocean. See the meadows that were frozen and cold, warming up to produce the beautiful flowers! See the fields that were dry and barren producing the golden harvest! Behold the acorn in which is asleep the great forest which in due season evolves under the creative hand of God! Empires have risen and fallen. Even the sun is burning out, and the astronomers tell us there are great gapping holes left from the changes in that great orb of light!

But, mark you, we have all changed. Not long since we had a happy childhood with songs in the nursery and hymns at the cradle. Then came the time when on each mount we were told, "You have been long enough on this mount; it is time to march forward and advance." We attended the kindergarten and primary schools; we went to college and received our degrees; we have many of us gone out into life, and on the brows of many are the snows of many winters, and it will not be long until such will go to the mount where we will never stay too long. Under the moon we will have our ebbs and flows, our waxings and our wanings.

If we have no changes in our pilgrimage there will be no progress. Had Israel always stayed at Horeb, the

EDITOR'S NOTE: Herewith we take pleasure in publishing the Convention Sermon delivered at the Opening Service of the Twenty-second General Convention of our Church. Dr. Eastvold is president of Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash., and vice president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. The sermon appears here in somewhat shortened form.

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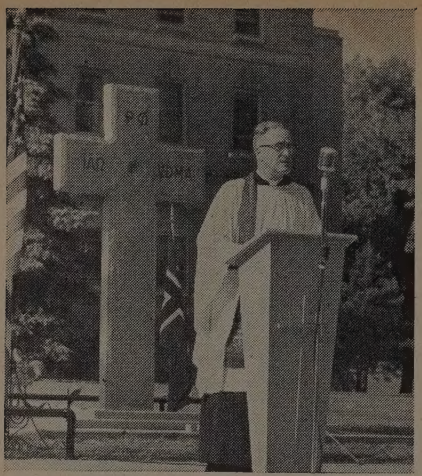


Dr. S. C. Eastvold

people would never have reached Canaan. One cannot stay where one is and still go at the same time. Shifts and changes promote growth. When the artist has painted one side of the portrait he must change to the other side to complete his work. Who can tell how much glory God has gotten from these many changes that have come into our lives as individuals and into our Church, even though we dread to move from the things that have pleased us—the things that are normal, to the things that are challenging and abnormal. Under God we undergo changes in order to do more good. When the fisherman has fished all the fish in one pond he moves on to another. We must expect changes and we should be thankful because we can have them.

The forward march leads us into greater service.

Service is a Christian idea. Professor Peabody says that in the Japanese language there is no such word as "service." A forward march in service is very costly. That service which takes nothing out of us is not worth doing. If it takes nothing out of us it will do no one any good. It is a service that costs that is worth giving, while a cheap religion isn't worth preaching. The forward march leads into unselfish service. Dr. Dan Crawford tells us in "Thinking Black" that traveling in central Africa is often difficult because a trail is lost beneath a thick matted tangle of grass thirteen feet high which in the dawn is heavily covered with dew. It is the negro custom to make the children squeeze through first. The "human brooms" as they are called have to run the first risk of being pounced upon by a hungry hyena or lurking leopard; they also catch the deluge of dew on their naked, shivering bodies. So, to the native mind, an explorer like Livingstone is a "dew drier" or a "pathfinder." The "dew drier" is not "ministered unto" but "ministers" to those who fol and he has his reward as in the Negro song:

Lead thou the way in the wet grass drear,
Then, only then, art thou pioneer:
For Mr. First must get all the woes
That Mr. Second may find repose.

A forward march into Christian service is supre valuable! A discouraged young doctor was visited his father and stated that he was not getting along well. The father spoke to his son of courage patience and hope. Later in the day he went with son to the free dispensary. He sat in silence w twenty-five poor unfortunates received help. When door had closed upon the last one the old man b out, "I thought you told me you were doing noth Why, if I had helped twenty-five people in a mo I would thank God that my life counted for somethi The son replied, "There isn't any money in it, thou "Money!" the old man shouted, "What is money comparison with being of use to your fellowmen?"

The person in Christian service must have a sin ness of purpose. It is said to be almost axiomatic v artists that you "can't work by two lights." The Ch tian is an artist who always works by one light. sets his easel so that the light from the throne of G will be thrown upon his work.

The forward march of service to God will mean rifice. One of the most significant pictorial emblem have ever seen is the picture of an ox standing qui between an altar and a plow. I have somewhere s its significance thus expressed in verse:

Between the altar and the plow I stand,
Ready for either with an equal mind,
Sure in each servitude true liberty
Or in such death eternal life to find.

God's people are to be content with God's decisions.

We are impatient people. We sometimes lift our pu fists up into the face of the Almighty, Eternal, a Omniscient face of God in a state of faithless rebelli We are either discontented to go in God's direction to stay put where He has us placed. But the people Israel did not move until the pillar moved. When cloud stood still they stopped whether it was a day week, a month, or years. We are so often troubled ab the cross which God has seen fit to lay upon us. sometimes think it would be much better if we had cross the other man has. But the cross that is given you and to me fits our shoulders, while the cross so one else has would make real sores upon our backs.

Brethren of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, are gathered in our biennial convention. In the mon

are now in the background we have been praying eeking for divine guidance and God's leadership is convention. There are certain mounts that we leave behind in order to go forward. There are mounts on which we will always stay because are basic truths that we must never desert. We well ask ourselves the question, "Shall we stand while the pillar of cloud moves on?" Would we to be left in the desert with God's presence entire-ne? In our articles of union dealing with the merg-th our brethren of the faith we have some very ılt and trialsome problems to face. Some of them ill solve during these days. For some it is easy to early where we should go, while for others it is a r foggy experience. May I, with your permission, vo personal examples that will help us in these early nts of our convention. Following the death of eloved father, who was a leader among us in the ch, in 1929, I took a journey to Volin, South Da-to spend a little time in the upper chamber which been his office in the parsonage there. Practically at was left in that office was a picture on the wall was that of the union committee which brought Norwegian Lutheran church bodies together in I have never forgotten that moment nor that e! I believe my father was the youngest person Those who were members of that union commit-ad all now passed away. I remembered having that there were great and grave disagreements Viking like, there were almost clenched fists on able! I am told that some of them even left the during the time of devotions because there was uch disagreement. But as I looked at the picture cluded that all of them at that moment had joined anks of the Church triumphant. And I wondered ow did all this look to them, now that they were the throne of God and consciously looking back ie world from which they had taken leave, and seeing their successors and their children carrying here they had left off. I leave it to you to decide you think they might have thought then and even

y I add to this illustration another one. The time when to me and my beloved wife the word was while we were in that wonderful parish at Eau e, Wisconsin, "You have been long enough on mount; you are going to move westward." We host of friends and even our children behind. We ed the mountains and pressed the shore of the ic. In 1943, there was still a pioneering job to be in higher education. Then came Christmas Eve. students, few as there were, were all gone. The ty had deserted the campus. It was a lonely hour friends and dear ones and children all gone. We agreed that we would leave the home and take a journey to Mt. Rainier sixty miles away. A low, heavy fog made driving difficult and dangerous. Putting my head out the car window I could scarcely see the yellow line. It was really foolhardy to take the journey. But we pressed onward! After nearly three hours of slow driving we suddenly were above the clouds and we saw the top of Mt. Rainier in all of its majestic beauty, and with its eternal white snows, with the sun pouring down upon it leaving such beauty in the snow of the winter as I had never seen before nor since!

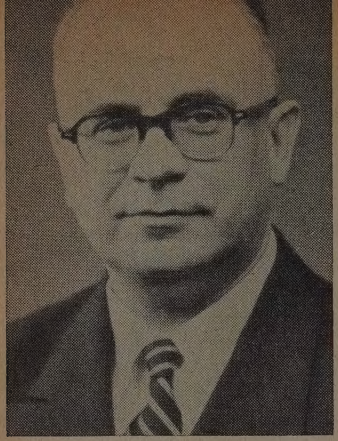
Brethren of the Church, it seems to me that we so often journey in a fog scarcely able to see the line of direction. But, by faith we are moving to an upper clime. We are looking forward to the time when all the fog and difficulty and trial will be left behind. We expect to be where the saints and the fathers have gone before us. In the meantime, there is a job to be done.

There are some spiritual places wherein we have dwelt long enough.

In the meantime, we must be sure that we have moved from Mt. Sinai to Mt. Calvary. May we hear the silver trumpet proclaiming the gospel year of jubilee! May we become conscious of the fact that the utmost farthing has been paid for our sins! We need to move from the mount of little faith to learn anew and afresh that many things are settled. May we abandon the bad habit of doubting. Surely, we must have by this time gotten rid of our baby teeth. Mr. Recruit, the time for drilling is past; now let us load our guns and fire.

We enter this convention with fear and trembling, for there are things we wish we would not have to face. Nonetheless let us start with the assurance that God will supply our needs on the march. We will not need to beg of Edom while we are as independent as Abraham. Let us advance and march forward, owing the world nothing, paying our fare by the grace of God to the full. Let us show more confidence in God in the future.

And finally, inasmuch as we will now attend the Lord's Supper, may we be aware of the fact that at this sacred feast we are on a very high mount which is the climax of all Christian worship! May we lowly bend in penitence and repentance, and then rise up to do our work as brethren of the apostolic faith. May we join with the people of our kind, while we avoid fellowship with those who are divisive as to the true faith once delivered to saints by Jesus the Evangelist and the Apostles. May we swear allegiance to the faith of our fathers and be willing to be martyrs, even though it may be a lifelong martyrdom, rather than to surrender one jot or one tittle or one iota of that which belongs to our holy religion!



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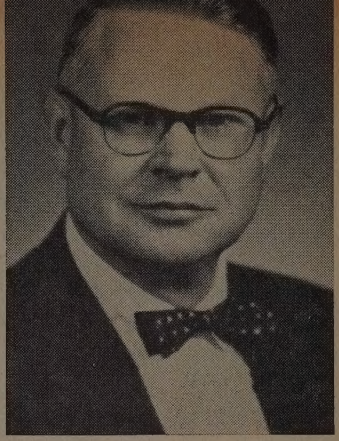

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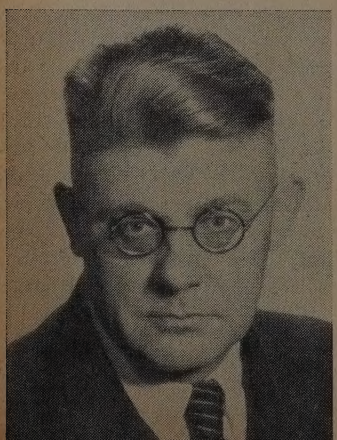

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EDITORIALS

Some Post-Convention Reflections

efore we consider the Twenty-Second General Con-ntion of The Evangelical Lutheran Church "wrapped p" as far as these pages are concerned, a few post-nvention reflections may be in order. Of course, some f the actions of the convention are of such far-reaching ffect that they will be discussed here frequently during ie next two years. However, our "convention story" oses with this editorial.

he Convention Was "Historic"

'he statement, "It was an historic convention," was equently heard; some maintained that it was the most istoric convention since the constituting convention f 1917. That seems to be going pretty far, but it may e true. That convention set the course of the Church early half a century. This one set the course until such time as still another rearrangement of Lutheran gen-ral bodies involves us. In that sense the comparison vith 1917 is apt.

The World Council of Churches issue also made ie convention historic. One of the journalists who overed the convention characterized the WCC action s "the most astounding development in a decade of American Protestantism." We find it a bit difficult to ollow that line of reasoning. In the eight years since he issue was last discussed, there has been much oppor-unity for the Church, especially its pastors, to learn nore about the Council. We have always believed that t would be only a matter of time before the Church vould join the WCC. We are happy over the decision nd glad that it was separated from the Resolutions on Jnion. Yes, we will have to agree that the word "his-oric" may be applied to that action.

ELC Convention at Its Best

During the first part of the convention—from Wednes-day through Saturday—we saw our type of convention it its very best. As far as we have been able to deter-mine, it was the largest convention in our history. Also as far as we can determine, the vote on the WCC was the largest ever cast at an ELC convention.

When we say that those days gave us a sample of the best that a convention of our type can show, we are thinking of several things. In the first place, the voting members were, for the most part, where they belonged —in their seats on the convention floor. When a tre-mendous church like Central proves uncomfortably small during several sessions, it does mean that the delegates are tending to business.

Secondly, it came as close to being a "deliberative assembly" as such a mass meeting can ever hope to be. The issues before the convention were presented care-fully and in a number of instances discussed thoroughly. That, after all, is what the word "deliberative" suggests. We doubt whether anyone had the feeling that the discussion those first days was in any way curtailed at the expense of clarifying the issues.

In the third place, the convention was "legislative." By that we mean that the matters to be voted upon were voted upon by a large majority of the people who had the duty of legislating for the Church. After all, the nearly 2,500 men who had the right to vote were there on "the King's business," representing a million people who could not be there. As long as most of those thus delegated did cast considered votes, the conven-tion was "legislative."

ELC Convention at Its Worst

At the same time that we happily state that the first days showed our type of convention at its best, we are forced sadly to add that the last day we were in session showed our type of convention at its very dismal worst. We are not thinking chiefly of the fact that at least three days' convention work was crammed into two sessions, although that was the case. We are rather thinking of the dismaying fact that barely ten per cent of those who had been solemnly charged with the duty of deliberating and legislating for the Church for the coming years did their duty. While we did not count (and there were no ballot votes which would have given an accurate count), we are quite sure that at no time Monday were there 300 voting members of the convention present; at times only 200.

And why did we adjourn a day early? Because it was quite apparent that had we continued on into Tuesday, there would have been so few left to do busi-ness that we could have nicely adjourned to the con-ference room at headquarters and sat around the table while we finished the work of 2,500 men.

Were it not for the fact that so few years remain before the union, we would feel in duty bound to go into a protracted discussion of our entire convention system. There is little need to do so now, with only one regular convention, in all likelihood, remaining. We therefore content ourselves by pointing to the ob-vious lessons of our 1956 convention. We seriously raise the question: just how democratic is such a convention system? Supply your own answer.

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And Now to Work

The Evangelical Lutheran Church has outlined for itself a gigantic task for the next biennium. For each confirmed member who was present in Central, 250 stayed home. A very few of those 250 will read the *Annual Report.* A much larger number (we hope) have been reading about the convention in LUTHERAN HERALD. However, most of the members of the ELC will get their information from their pastors and lay delegates. We have long wished that some means might be devised for better convention reporting by the pastor and delegate in each congregation. Would it be asking too much to devote a portion of a forenoon service to a convention report? If we are to do the task assigned to us, we will need to know what transpired.

As for the duties assigned to the boards and administrators of the Church, they should keep everyone happily occupied during the coming biennium. It was a forward-looking convention. There is a great deal to be done. God has given us consecrated board members and able administrators.

Finally a word about the future of union negotiations. There will be nothing more to say for several months. The ELC Union Committee is not scheduled to meet until the latter part of September. The convention of the American Lutheran Church will not be held until the first part of October. The first meeting of the new Joint Union Committee is slated for the last week in October. The members of your Union Committee will be busy studying the action of our convention. But do not look for any "union news" during the next few months.

Summer Issues

This is the first of our usual "abbreviated issues" for the summer months. The "abbreviation" begins a few weeks later than usual due to the fact that the convention was held so late. In order to make it possible to cover the convention somewhat adequately, we decided to have fewer sixteen-page issues this year than in previous years.

We are sure that our readers generally know the reason for the summer curtailment. It is, first, in order to accommodate ourselves to the vacation schedule of the shops at Augsburg Publishing House. For many years, most printing establishments have been closing their shops for two weeks during the summer in order that the workers may take their vacations simultaneously. Secondly, half a dozen abbreviated issues help keep our always-too-large deficit somewhat within the bounds of reason.

Chief omissions the next few weeks will be the ads of the Parish Conservation department and ELC News.

Beware the Wolf! Harold B. Kild

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
July 22, 1956
Text: Matthew 7:15-21

It isn't quite enough to beware the wolf! Not if y don't know what a wolf is. Can you imagine anythi quite as dull as a baseball game (even on Sunday aft noon) if you had no knowledge either of the rules the purposes of the game? To watch a big man, feet, four inches tall, husky, strong, take a good healt cut at the ball and miss it completely could only be t source of amusement to one who had no understandi of the game. Just so, wolves and the false religions our day, even if they are dressed up in oriental nome clature and suspended on thin gossamer-like threads finely spun philosophical thoughts, can and do provi some diversion, no doubt, and a bit of amusement well to the uninitiated. Is there anything quite as amu ing as the sight of a stout dowager dressed in h finery, entering the temple or the reading room of t great "Bazal" or what have you? Amusing, to be sur but pathetic too. But you see, the stout dowager doesn know what a wolf looks like and therefore is acting ignorance. Pity her, to be sure, but go a little farth please, at least to acquaint her with the truth.

If you shall recognize a wolf (not the whistling kind you must get acquainted with his description. He usually all dressed up. He masquerades as an innoce lamb. The temples of India are a sight to behold- beauty, wealth, and lavish decor abound. The mosqu of Egypt are likewise beautiful—inlaid with gold ar precious stones. The reading rooms of some of th "great mystic orders" are striking in their beauty, b it's all a masquerade. Someone, back of the beauty, "drooling and getting fat" at the expense of his pre The wolf is seldom an ordinary fellow.

Not only is the wolf all dressed up. He is best judge by the results of his life, the fruits of his action an conduct. Just what good does the great "Bazal" do What redemptive grace does he offer? What hope o forgiveness does he extend? What savior does he preach What gospel does he proclaim. Who is the God of th great "Bazal"? These are some of the questions on ought to ask. But, beyond this, if one shall know th wolf for what he is, he must first know the truth, th truth that Jesus Christ, the Son of God came into th world to redeem the souls and lives of men and t establish His kingdom of love and life, His kingdo of righteousness without end.

Do you know the truth? If you do, you will neve fall in the jaws of the wolf. If you know Christ, yo will never be prey to "Bazal" or what have you. Beware friend, but wisely beware, and let your life be hid i Christ so that you may hide in Him eternally. Amen

Convention Reports from Erik Modean . . .

News Bureau,
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ELC VOTES UNION BY 20-1

Cedar Falls, Iowa—The United Evangelical Luther-n Church gave overwhelming endorsement to plans for niting with two, and possibly three, other Lutheran nurch bodies.

By a margin of nearly 20 to 1, the UELC's 60th an-ual convention here recorded blanket approval of the arious merger documents prepared by the Joint Union ommittee of the uniting Churches.

Delegates used only a single ballot as they voted by 73 to 19 to adopt the proposed constitution, by-laws, nd articles of union of the new Church.

On the same ballot, they committed their 60,000-ember denomination to unite with any or all of the onferring Churches—The Evangelical Lutheran, Amer-an Lutheran and, if they should return to the negotia-ons, the Lutheran Free Church.

The decision on merger took place on the third day f the UELC's convention, June 19-24, and followed nly an hour of debate from the floor, in which most f the points raised were of a minor nature.

Of major significance was a suggestion to the Joint Union Committee that the proposed name of the new Church, "The American Lutheran Church," be re-iewed, with delegates voicing a preference for the ame of their own body, "United Evangelical Lutheran Church."

The proposal that the new Church should seek im-ediate membership in the World Council of Churches at its constituting convention in 1959 raised no question in the UELC as that body, like the American Lutheran Church, is already a member of the international, inter-church organization.

It was the United Evangelical Lutheran Church that initiated the current union negotiations when, in 1949, the late Dr. N. C. Carlsen, president of the UELC, invited the members of the former American Lutheran Conference to enter upon discussions looking toward union.

The invitation was accepted by the ELC and ALC and later by Augustana and the LFC. Augustana with-drew in 1952 to await a union of all Lutheran bodies in America and the LFC withdrew late in 1955 when a congregational referendum failed by a small margin to gain the three-fourths majority needed for the Free Church's continued participation in the negotiations. The LFC is scheduled to consider the matter again next year.

SUOMI VOTES TO EXPLORE TWO MERGER POSSIBILITIES

Ashtabula, Ohio—The Suomi Synod decided at its 67th annual convention here to explore merger possi-bilities with both the church groups now involved in efforts toward Lutheran unity in America.

On the one hand, the Synod voted to accept the joint invitation issued by the United Lutheran Church in America and the Augustana Lutheran Church to "par-ticipate in the drafting of a constitution and in the devising of organizational procedures to effect union."

At the same time, the Synod authorized negotiations with The Evangelical, American and United Evangel-ical Lutheran Churches in their plans to establish a new Church by 1960.

To carry out this dual purpose, the Synod's Con-sistory was instructed to appoint a Commission on Intersynodical Affairs, consisting of itself and at least five additional members, "to participate in this work."

The unanimous action of the delegates came on the closing day of the Suomi Synod's convention, June 17-20, and marked a broadening of the proposal advanced by its present Inter-Synodical Relations Committee.

The committee had recommended that Suomi cast its lot with the ULCA-Augustana union deliberations, but the Ministerium of the Synod, in a pre-convention ses-sion, voted unanimously to urge amendment of the resolution to make it possible for Suomi to study the merits of the so-called three-way merger as well.

The amendments adopted by the delegates were drawn up by the Ministerium on the basis of a resolu-tion received from the Synod's Minnesota Conference.

The Conference noted that Suomi and all other Lu-theran church bodies had been invited by the ULCA and Augustana to "join them in discussions and nego-

tiations with a view toward merger of all Lutheran church bodies in the United States."

Also, it pointed out that Suomi even as early as 1949 had "several times" been invited to join the ELC, ALC, and UELC negotiations and had been "definitely assured that it will be welcome" in that merger.

In the light of this, the convention was called upon to "defer its decision to set a definite course in either direction until it has had an adequate investigation and a detailed report on both merger possibilities on which to decide which merger invitation it will accept."

The Suomi Synod, also known as the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, has some 33,000 members. Its president is Dr. Raymond W. Wargelin of Hancock, Mich., who completed his first year in office as he presided at the four-day convention here.

REV. WILLIAM LARSON SUCCEEDS DR. JERSILD AS UELC PRESIDENT

Cedar Falls, Iowa—A contest for the presidency of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church developed at its 60th annual convention here and resulted in the surprise election of a 47-year-old campus pastor.

Named to head the 60,000-member denomination was the Rev. William Larson, pastor to students at the University of Minnesota under the Division of College and University Work of the National Lutheran Council. In this capacity he serves as executive director of the Lutheran Student Foundation of Minnesota.

Mr. Larson was elected in a see-saw struggle with Dr. Hans Jersild, who has been president of the UELC since the death of Dr. N. C. Carlsen in 1950 and was a candidate for re-election after two three-year terms in office.

Meeting here June 19-24, the UELC held its election for the presidency on June 22. Voting continued throughout the day and night and it was not until the sixth ballot that Mr. Larson received the two-thirds majority required to elect, polling 268 votes to 63 for Dr. Jersild.

Born in Racine, Wis., on May 19, 1909, Mr. Larson graduated from Dana College in 1933 and from Trinity Seminary in 1936. Both schools are located in Blair, Neb. During his first pastorate from 1936 to 1943 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Boston, Mass., he obtained his M.A. degree from Boston University in 1940 and has also done graduate work at Harvard University.

Mr. Larson served as a navy chaplain in the South Pacific during World War II from 1943 to 1946 and entered student work after his discharge with the rank of Commander.

His assignments in student work have been as assistant pastor and member of the staff of the Twin City Lutheran Student Foundation in Minneapolis 1946-1947; as campus pastor and executive director of Lutheran Student Foundation at the University of Ohio at Columbus 1947-1948; campus pastor and executive director the Lutheran Student Foundation of Minnesota at t University of Minnesota from 1948 to the present.

He is married to the former Inga Schultz and th have three children, William, 18, Ellen, 15, and Nan 7. They reside in Minneapolis but will move to Bla Neb., which is the national headquarters of the UEL

UELC VOTES TO RELOCATE ITS SEMINARY AT WARTBURG

Cedar Falls, Iowa—The United Evangelical Luther Church decided here to affiliate its Trinity Seminary Blair, Neb., with Wartburg Seminary at Dubuque, I a school of the American Lutheran Church.

Delegates to the Church's 60th annual conventi adopted the proposal by a vote of 328 to 13 after jecting a recommendation from the Board of Christi Higher Education that Trinity Seminary be relocat at Lincoln, Neb. The vote against moving to Linc was 314 to 58.

The decision to affiliate with Wartburg was based certain principles which the UELC's Board of High Education had worked out in consultation with t Board of Higher Education of the ALC.

Under this agreement, the UELC will be represent at Wartburg Seminary by a professor of Trinity Sem nary who will also be designated as its president. Nam to this spot at the convention here was Prof. Theo. Jensen.

The UELC will elect two consultative members the Board of Regents of Wartburg. Affiliation will effective as of next Sept. 1 and will continue for period of four years.

Dr. R. E. Morton, who had resigned as president Dana College at Blair, was replaced by Dr. C. Madsen, professor of practical theology, who will ser as acting president of the college.

MISSOURI SYNOD APPROVES BIG FINANCE PROGRAM

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St. Paul, Minn.—The Lutheran Church—Missou Synod approved a long-range finance program whi will challenge it to raise a total of $113,100,700 in t next six years. The action was taken at the denomi tion's 43rd triennial convention.

The synod's annual budget will be increased each ye by 10.5 per cent—from the 1956 total of $12,900,000 $23,412,000 by 1962.

More than one-half of the total will be allocated the Board of Higher Education for expanding and i proving colleges and seminaries. The synod's board directors was authorized to study the advisability establishing additional educational institutions and acquire potential sites suitable for campuses.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: I Corinthians 10:6-13 — **The Gospel: Luke 16:1-9**

Monday, July 23

RELY ON GOD

Read I Corinthians 10:6-13

Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

While it is true that the closer we live to God through prayer and meditation the more Christ-like we become, we never reach a point when Satan leaves us alone. We never reach a point when we are free of temptation. We never arrive in this present life at a place where it is impossible to fall. If you think you stand, Paul says, be careful; you can fall.

What safeguards should we adopt? One is this: don't depend on yourself.

"I stand alone, he said,
And standing, fell."

The other is this: rely on God. "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." To remember the danger and to rely on God are the means of staying on your feet. If eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, then salvation also asks a price. But how worth it!

Tuesday, July 24

SELLING OUT

Read Matthew 13:44-46

Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

In this little parable Jesus draws a picture of sheer joy and excitement. It is the story of a man beside himself with happiness. He has come upon treasure such as he has dreamed of. Never did he expect to come upon it, but behold, he has! And nothing stops him from making it his own. He loses no time in getting rid of everything he has so that he can buy the field.

Sometimes we fail to put the right value on the Kingdom. Sometimes we treat salvation as though it were "just another item." When this happens to us it is time to pull up in our tracks and do some thinking. We should compare our attitude with the man in the parable. He was excited about the very same thing that is offered to us. Salvation! Freedom from the power of sin, life eternal!

Why not get excited about that? Why not get rid of everything that stands in the way and sell out to God?

Wednesday, July 25

"ENTER HERE"

Read Romans 5:1-5

Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

The way into God's grace is through Jesus Christ alone. Jesus said, "I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." To Thomas He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." Paul says, "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

This truth is so central in the Word of God that anyone who cannot see it is blind, or has his view blocked by sin. But for those who have been given the grace to see it, and have entered, hope is added to give cause for true rejoicing.

How good it is to know the Way and to have that problem settled! To see Christ in His glorious fullness, to worship Him, love Him and serve Him! That's what it means to enter.

There are many "Enter Here" signs in life. Here is one that we must not miss.

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Thursday, July 26

PROMOTION

Read Luke 12:42-48

Truly I tell you, he will set him over all his possessions.

This is an interesting story told by Jesus. Among the many truths set forth is this: God knows how you take care of what He entrusts to you. He notices how you handle it. If you are wise and faithful with a little, you are given more to take care of. The servant in the parable proved himself to be faithful enough to be set over all the householder's possessions.

Whatever you do is important in the eyes of God, so long as it is something helpful, something that builds, something that serves His purposes. Often we may feel that our little place is unimportant and our little spot is without meaning. But that is not true. God never meant to put a useless person here.

There is another promotion that is in store for all who are faithful in their Christian faith: "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Here is the promotion that matters.

Friday, July 27

KEEP BUSY

Read II Thessalonians 3:10-13

For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

The law of life is that each of us, so long as we are able, must contribute to our own existence. We are not to "live off of life." The law of Christian living is that we must be honestly industrious; we must keep busy, we must work for our daily bread.

Many things go wrong if we are idle. For one thing, we get into trouble. The national problem is what shall people do with their leisure time? Another is, that we fall into sins of idleness which do great harm.

We are just as accountable to God for what we do in our spare time as we are for what we do during our working hours. We should find good, interesting things to occupy our time always.

And there is no lack of opportunity for wholesome play. To "rest awhile" is to fit the body, mind, and spirit to better do the work we are here to do.

Saturday, July 28

DIVIDED LOYALTY

Read Luke 16:10-17

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

Jesus makes it plain that any one who tries to love two different things at the same time is setting out to do the impossible. Either we love God or we do not. Either we love and worship Christ or we do not. There can be no such thing as God *and* another god. There can be no such thing as Christ *and* another. It is a matter of either-or.

For this reason, to make a thorough success of our Christianity we should pray God to consecrate us to Himself. He will aid us mightily to devote ourselves to His will, and keep us from serving gods of this world. God is a jealous God and cares for no rivals. If He has asked us to love and serve Him, He will also give us faithfulness so that we can serve Him free of dangerous rivals.

Fill me with devotion to Thee, O God, so that I shall serve Thee alone. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olso

STRESS RELIGIOUS BASIS OF WORK

An "ethical" minimum wage must be provided for all workers because labor is not "merchandise" subject to the law of supply and demand, M. Ruppert, president of the Netherlands Federation of Christian Trade Unions, said in Geneva. He addressed more than 800 delegates from 70 countries at the 39th International Labor Conference.

"Labor is inseparably linked with the human personality which has been created in the likeness of God," he said. "It is for that reason that wage policy is never a thing of supply and demand. And it is for that reason that we must give our time, our activity, and our offering to people of less developed countries."

Mr. Ruppert declared that in this age of "industrialization and automation," it is the task of the International Labor Organization to "make work worthy of the human being. Labor is not only a means of subsistence, but also, and above all, a means of creating something."

CONSERVATION OF MINISTERS

Several actions looking toward better use of ministerial manpower in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod were approved at its national convention in St. Paul in June. One resolution called on synod officials, pastors, and congregations "to conserve manpower by establishing a multiple parish arrangement wherever possible."

Another authorized a committee to study ministerial placement procedure "with a view to a better utilization of our manpower." The resolution noted that "the shortage of ministers is actually far in excess of the supply of the ministerial candidates available," and "it appears that our supply of such candidates may not be properly deployed." A third action called on the synod's board of higher education to expand and develop the denomination's program of ministerial and teacher training.

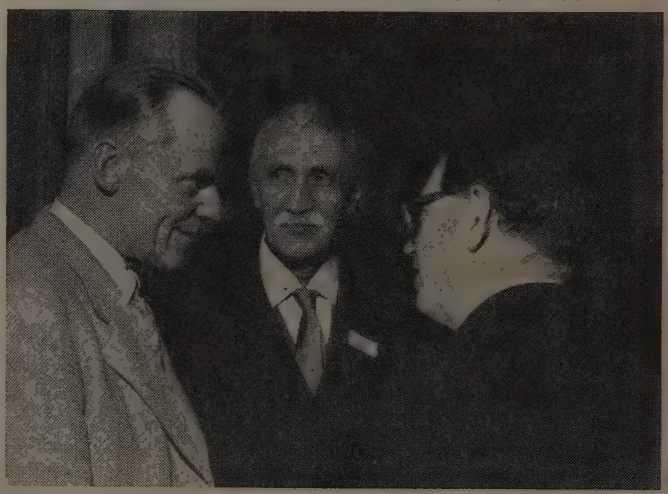
METHODIST MISSIONARIES DISCUSS OBSTACLES

Obstacles confronting missionaries in presenting Christianity around the world were discussed at the 11th annual meeting of new and furloughed Methodist missionaries at Greencastle, Indiana. Among the stumbling blocks singled out were: Communism; the resurgence of Buddhism, Islam and other faiths; mystic nationalism which substitutes the State for God; Christianity being linked in many areas with Western "imperialism"; sectarianism in Christianity; and materialism and secularism.

The eight-day meeting, attended by some 400 persons, was sponsored by the Division of World Missions and the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions. The missionaries pointed out during a discussion on evangelism th a mission worker should identify hin self as completely as possible wit people of newly independent lands an their political and social aspiration This, they said, would prevent th missionary from being linked wit colonialism.

Dr. James K. Mathews of Ne York, executive secretary of the Div sion of World Missions, told the gath ering that in ten years, more tha half the world's population ha changed its political status, and 2 countries have gained their freedom These revolutionary changes, he sai have brought about changes in th Church and the missionary movement A noteworthy change in the Churc was the notable increase in missionar interest among American Christians he said.

HUNGARIAN CHURCH LEADERS IN GENEVA



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Two Hungarian church leaders visited officials of the World Council of Churches in Geneva to discuss plans for the annual meeting of the Council's Central Committee July 29-August 5 at Matrahaza, Hungary. They are Bishop Albert Berecsky, president of the Hungarian Reformed Church and of the Hungarian Ecumenical Council (center); and Dr. Imre Kadar, director of the denomination's department of press and inter-church relations and editor of the Hungarian Church Press (right). With them is Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, general secretary of the World Council. The Central Committee's meeting will be the first in a Communist country. A special ecumenical service is planned in Budapest July 29.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

R. DAHL LEADS DISCUSSION T NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dr. Orville Dahl, of the Department Education of the ELC, headed up he section discussions dealing with delopment programs in church colleges nd universities held at White Sulphur prings, West Virginia, July 8-12, 1956.

As a member of the national Proram Committee of the Development ection of the American College Pubc Relations Association, Dr. Dahl epresents institutions with church affiliations, numbering about four hunred and fifty in America.

The development section concenates its attention on long-range develpment programs in educational instiitions, a field where Dr. Dahl has ained national recognition. In addion to the annual convention, several egional workshops are also scheduled hroughout the nation during the year.

Dr. A. C. Van Dusen, Vice Presient of Northwestern University, is hairman of the Development Section, nd Dr. Francis C. Pray, Public Reations Counselor, University of Pittsurgh, is the secretary.

COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

Pacific Lutheran College has been laced on the list of institutions proviiding membership eligibility in the American Association of University Women. This means that women graduates holding one of four degrees are eligible for membership in the association. The degrees are bachelor of rts, bachelor of arts in education, achelor of science in medical technology and bachelor of science in nursng education.

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Plans are under way at Augustana College to offer an expanded group of ourses in evening college this fall. A aculty committee studied the adult ducation program and recommended nore varied offerings and expanded ervices in this area.

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A special instructors' course in Red Cross Nursing will be held at Concordia College, August 6 through August 10, in cooperation with the local chapter of the American Red Cross in Moorhead.

The course will be taught by Miss Elizabeth Sutcliffe, American Red Cross Nursing Representative and will prepare the student to teach Red Cross Home Nursing at the high school or home communities.

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Pacific Lutheran College will be host to the annual convention of the Western Speech Association to be held in Tacoma August 29-31. Faculty representatives from ninety colleges and universities in the eleven western states will be invited.

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With enrollment figures hitting the 357 mark, Augustana College has once again realized a record enrollment for its first summer session. According to Dr. I. B. Hauge, Dean and Registrar of the college, this is a gain of fifty students over last year. The first session began June 5 and ended July 7. The second term began July 9 and ends August 11.

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PLC has received a $1,000 gift from the United States Steel Foundation, Inc. R. C. Tyson, vice-chairman of the Foundation's financial policy committee, stated that the gift is unrestricted. The foundation's aid-to-education program for 1956 included over 500 colleges, universities, technological institutes and medical schools.

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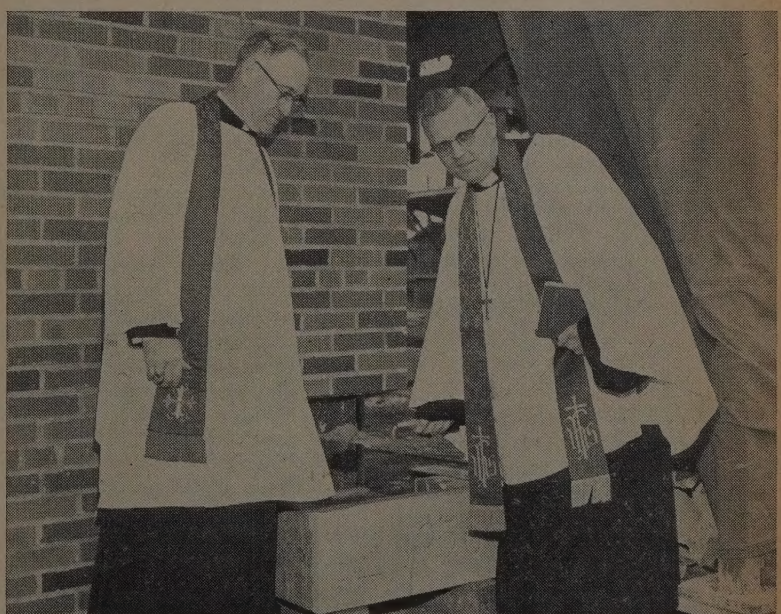
Augustana College received a grant of $2,000 from the Colgate-Palmolive Company which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. The firm made 186 unrestrictive financial grants totaling $500,000 for the assistance of colleges and universities in the United States. Augustana is the only South Dakota institution to receive the award. Tentative plans call for using the money for the building of new offices and classrooms in the basement of the school library built in 1955.

LAYS PLC CORNERSTONE—Dr. S. C. Siefkes of Portland, Ore. (right) is shown laying the cornerstone recently for West Hall for women at Pacific Lutheran College. The $580,000 dormitory will be completed September 1. Dr. Siefkes is president of the Northwestern District, American Lutheran Church. On the left is Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president of PLC.



Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

The Rev. Arnold F. Anderson has resigned as pastor of Ballard First Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash., and will soon move to his new parish: Portsmouth Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon. His successor will be **the Rev. Burton W. Smith** of Forest City, Iowa, who will begin his pastorate in Ballard in September.

The Rev. John M. Skepstad, formerly associate pastor of United Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., will be installed on July 29 as assistant pastor of Trinity Church, Parkland, Wash.

The Rev. Alvin L. Selid, until recently pastor at Enderlin, N. Dak., is now pastor of Trinity Church, Silverton, Oregon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Johannes Hoifjeld were honored at a reception held June 3 by his parish, First Lutheran Church, Orland, Calif., the occasion being a double one: the fortieth anniversary year of his ordination and their wedding.

The Rev. Norris I. Erdal, formerly assistant pastor of Trinity Church, Moorhead, Minn., will be installed Aug. 5 as pastor of Little Falls Church, Little Falls, Minn.

The Rev. Joel T. Pederson, Walhalla, N. Dak., will move to his new parish, Enderlin, N. Dak., in September.

Dr. C. J. Fylling, institutional chaplain in North Dakota, and his wife, nee Emma Hanson, were recently honored by Trinity Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., at a reception, the occasion being a double one: their golden wedding and the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. Speakers at the festive occasion were the Rev. M. P. Lutness, Erling Hedahl, and Arnold Christianson. Prior to Dr Fylling's beginning his chaplaincy service he served parishes at Lily, S. Dak., and at Mandan, Sims, and Almont in North Dakota.

DISTRICTS

Southern Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Erling Hestenes, medical missionary to Africa, preached at both forenoon services Sunday, June 24, at Christ Church, which sponsors the Hestenes family on the mission field. On June 30 Dr. Hestenes and family began their return journey to Africa. On the 24th the congregation installed its new parish secretary, Miss Inez Peterson, formerly parish worker in Our Saviour's Church, Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn. A fellowship tea for Lutheran writers of poetry, arranged by Mrs. Hartman L. Hanson, Excelsior, Minn., met Wednesday afternoon, June 20, at Bethel Church. Discussion leader was the Reverend Oliver Everette, Sweet Home, Oregon. Most of those in attendance were delegates or guests at The Evangelical Lutheran Church convention.

North Dakota

Warwick, N. Dak. Warwick Church, currently served by Intern Arlan Johnson, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on June 16-17, and also had its church building rededicated by District President Tallakson. Other speakers were the following former pastors of the parish: T. S. Hanson, H. E. Everson, L. O. Tolo, L. W. Holte, E. N. Nelson, and C. A. Carlson.

Walhalla, N. Dak. In the rural area surrounding Walhalla, Seminarian Richard Beckman will be working during the coming fall and winter season, with a view toward organizing a rural parish.

Park River, N. Dak. For the past two years the Park River Circuit WMF has financed a minority mission in this area. The project is now under the supervision of the North Dakota District Minority Mission.

South Dakota

Volga, S. Dak. Eighteen young people graduated early in June from the high school Bible department in the Volga parish, twelve from the First Lutheran Sunday school and six from the Sunday school of Lake Campbell Church. The Rev. David Halbakken is pastor of this parish.

Pierpont, S. Dak. On June 3 a reunion of twelve of the seventeen young people who were confirmed fifty years ago in Skudesnes Church, took place in the same church in the presence of the Rev. Knut Knutson of Ortonville, Minn., who administered the rite a half-century ago.

Wilmot, S. Dak. Wilmot Church, parish of the Rev. Karsten Baalson, has subscribed to **Lutheran Herald** for all its members for the last seven years, this year through the courtesy of H. Anderson. The high school depa ment of Wilmot Lutheran Sund school recently graduated eight you people from its four-year course.

Pacific

Bow, Wash. Edison Church, par of the Rev. Lowell E. Knutson, rece ly dedicated its newly acquired par house. The president of Pacific D trict, Dr. H. L. Foss, performed t rite of dedication. Fifty years ago t church was dedicated by Dr. Fo father, the late Dr. L. C. Foss, w was then district president.

Canada

Two new congregations were ganized in **British Columbia** in t month of May. Mount Olive Chu in the Westlynn Park area of **V couver** on the 20th, with 104 membe and Redeemer Church in **Kitimat** the 22nd, with 164 members. The **F St. John** parish may soon be divi into two parishes. In **Alberta** a n church is under construction in t city of **Grande Prairie.** And in **Le bridge** a new parish is being org ized.

In July District President Dale w install the Rev. Lloyd Dahl as pas of the **Wetaskiwin** parish and co mission the Rev. Erik Pedersen as f eign missionary, at **Camrose.** In t **Armena** parish Dr. Dale will dedic the new church and install the R Roger Nostbakken as parish pastor Aug. 5. In June the Rev. Arthur N son was installed as pastor of the St buck parish in **Manitoba.** A new p ish is being organized at **Melville, S katchewan.** A new Home Mission p ish has been organized at **Mord Manitoba,** its pastor being the R Robert Fedde.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Myrus L. Knutson

Mrs. Alette Hinderlie Knutson, w of the Rev. Myrus L. Knutson, pas of Our Savior's Church, Los Angel Calif., died June 20, in her forti year. Funeral services were held June 24, Dr. Gaylerd Falde, presid of the California District, officiati Alette Hinderlie was born Sept. 1916, at Ada, Minn., to the Rev. a Mrs. A. B. Hinderlie. After graduati from St. Olaf College, she taught five years in Minnesota high schoo In 1943 she married the Rev. Myrus Knutson, then pastor of Ascensi

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urch, Milwaukee, Wis. She is sur-d by her husband, a daughter, and n; and by her mother and a broth-the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie, director he ELC YPLL.

The Rev. Henry F. Johnson

The Rev. Henry F. Johnson, Cal-y, Alberta, Canada, died May 22 in 73rd year. Funeral services were d May 28, Pastors Raymond O. Ol- and Jerrold Elling officiating. Born . 18, 1883, at Sacred Heart, Minn., ry Johnson attended Red Wing inary 1910-17. He served the fol-ing pastorates: Grand Marais, nn., 1917-21; Platte, S. Dak., 1921-Monitor, Alta., 1927-36; Assiniboia, k., 1936-43 Kyle, Sask., 1943-47; Roy, Sask., 1947-52. Since 1952 he lived in Calgary. His last assign-nt was as immigrant calling pastor Sharon Church in Calgary. In 1917 married Hannah Stenborg, who sur-es him together with two sons, ee daughters and five grandchildren.

Andrew B. Anderson

Andrew B. Anderson, a charter mber of Bethel Church, Joplin, ntana, died June 10 at Havre, Mon-a, in his 86th year. Born in 1870 at hitehall, Wis., he lived at Joplin years, until he moved to Havre in 43. Pastors Theodore Mendenhall d Rolf Hanson officiated at the fu-ral. Survivors are his wife, nee Helen valley, six sons, and two daughters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: A used electric organ for lem Lutheran Church. State price in ply. Write Mrs. Albert Larson, R. 1, ttineau, N. Dak.

Lutheran Memorial Home, Twin alley, Minn., will hold its sixth annual mmer festival July 15. Speakers: Dr. lvin N. Rogness, Mrs. J. A. Sealander, d the Rev. J. M. Langemo.

The Lutheran Bible Institute oper-es an eleven-week camp at Mount armel on Lake Carlos, near Alexan-ia, Minnesota. Family Week will be nducted from August 25 to Septem-r 1. Church Workers' Retreat will held over the Labor Day week-end, d Pastors' Week will be held July to August 4. During Pastors' Week r. A. D. Mattson, professor at Augus-na Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois, ill be guest lecturer, speaking on the pic "God in History." Dr. B. M. hristensen of Augsburg College and eminary will be the evening inspira-tional speaker. Miss Oletta Wald, instructor at LBI, will lecture on Bible teaching methods under the topic, "Relationship of Teaching Methods to Learning," and Pastor Bernt C. Opsal, president of LBI, will be the Bible teacher.

Parish Conservation Service

(Formerly The Placement Service)

The Parish Conservation Service of The ELC serves many people each year. Read the listings below. They may be of value to you or someone that you know. The merits of the propositions advertised have not been investigated and the Parish Conservation Service assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to: The Parish Conservation Service of The ELC, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. (Refer to ad number when inquiring.)

FOR SALE

Farms

280 acre farm, high producing land, 160 a. open. Grade A barn with bulk plant. Good location, all-modern with best of everything. Near Lutheran church, central Minnesota. 473-1A

200 acres with 110 open, completely modern house and barn. On school, milk, and mail route; near Lutheran church. Pretty location; well kept farm. Possession anytime. Crop included in selling price of $22,000. Will sell equipped if desired. Central Minnesota. 473-2A

200 acre farm, all modern with grade A barn, 2 silos, calf shed, granary, machine shed, corn crib and garage. 100 acres open. Hot and cold running water in house and barn. Price—$28,000; or $10,000 down; terms on balance. Central Minn. 473-3A

160 acre central Minn. farm. 107 acres open. Grade A barn with bulk plant. Location and soil is very good. A beautiful and well kept farm. Close to Lutheran church. Price—$17,000. 473-4A

Businesses

Large brick house. Ideal for starting a bakery, none in town. Lutheran community in western Minnesota. 473-5C

For sale or trade—general merchandise in 20x40 seven room house, garage, good barn, 20 acres in field, northern Minn. Close to school bus line, Lutheran church, 10 mi. to nearest town. 473-6C

FOR RENT

120 acre, all open, dairy farm. 4 bedroom completely modern house recently remodeled. Level land, no sand or rock. On mail, milk, and school bus route. Near store and Lutheran churches. Half mile from tarvia highway; 45 mi. from Minneapolis, Minn. Terms: 50-50. Christian family preferred. Possession Nov. 1, 1956. 473-7A

Small, furnished, basement apartment, private entrance, garage attached. Married couple preferred. South Minneapolis, near Lake Nokomis and bus line. Available mid-July. 473-8B

Furnished, lovely upper duplex, sun porch, living room, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bath. South Minneapolis. Available after July 15. 473-9B

WANTED TO RENT

Lutheran pastor and wife, retiring next spring, would like place to live in or near Northfield, Minnesota. Will consider buying or renting moderate house or apartment. 473-10B

POSITIONS WANTED

Woman would like position as cleaning woman or kitchen helper in Lutheran hospital or home, or light housework for elderly couple or single person in a Christian home in North Dakota town or western Minnesota. Can furnish references. 473-11D

Woman interested in serving as matron in a home for the aged. 473-12D

Lutheran high school male commercial teacher wants teaching position for 1956-57 school term. B.A. from St. Olaf, M.B.A. from University of Denver. Majors in Business Education and Spanish. 4 yrs.' teaching experience; also Scouting and Luther League work. Prefer western United States. 473-13E

Licensed hospital administrator desires change. Would prefer 50 bed hospital or larger. 473-14E

Christian middle-aged couple would like to serve together in Christian home or hospital. Woman experienced in nursing, loves old people. Man drives car, can do simple typing, mimeographing, light maintenance, likes responsibility. Salary is not the objective. 473-24E

HELP WANTED

Christian woman, 30-50, to keep house for man and woman in business. Air-conditioned room with TV, private bath. Scandinavian cooking preferred. Must come well recommended. 1 block from Nicollet Avenue bus line, Minneapolis. 473-15F

Middle-aged Lutheran woman wanted as housekeeper in North Minneapolis home for widower and 2 sons, ages 8 and 11. 473-16F

Church secretary, full or part-time wanted by Lutheran church in St. Paul, Minn. 473-17F

Parish worker needed for visitation in Lutheran congregation of over 900 in central Iowa. Youth work and music optional. List qualifications. 473-18F

Parish worker to do survey, visitation, and secretarial work in new Home Mission field on the outskirts of Anchorage, Alaska, beginning September 1. Prefer someone willing to stay awhile. 473-19F

Combination teacher-parish worker wanted by Lutheran Day School in city of 5,000, Black Hills of South Dakota. Kindergarten half days; parish work half days. 473-20F

Director of Christian Education with full responsibility for parish education program including 1,500 member Sunday school in Minneapolis suburban church. High qualifications and experience desired. Salary commensurate with responsibility. 473-21G

Special teacher, for remedial work and consultation with school, needed by children's home in SE So. Dak. beginning September 1. 473-22G

Housemother and father needed immediately by children's home in SE So. Dak. caring for adolescents. Couple could be considered. Experience desirable. Salary dependent on training and experience. Liberal health insurance plan, social security, paid vacation and sick leave. 473-23G

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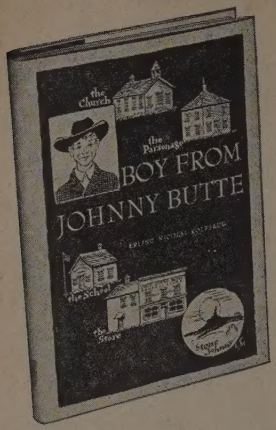

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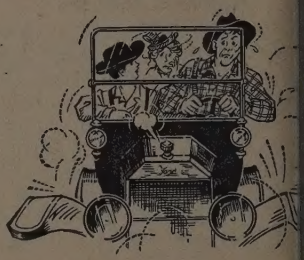

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